

Table 3.G Beginning text of The Words of Mormon

The printer's manuscript diction and spelling ¹	
	line numbers added ^ = insertion above the line
	Chapter .d I.
23	The words of Mormon ^ And now I Mormon being about to deliver up
24	the record which I have been making into the hands of my Son Moroni
25	behold I have witnessed allmost all the destruction of my People the Nephites
26	& it is many hundred years after the coming of Christ that I deliver these records in
27	-to the hands of my Son & it supposeth me that he will witness the entire destruction
28	of my People but may God grant that he may survive them that he may write so
The 1830 printed edition diction, spelling and punctuation ²	
THE WORDS OF MORMON. CHAPTER I.	
And now I, Mormon, being about to deliver up the record which I have been making, into the hands of my son Moroni, behold, I have witnessed almost all the destruction of my people, the Nephites. And it is many hundred years after the coming of Christ, that I deliver these records into the hands of my son; and it supposeth me that he will witness the entire destruction of my people. But may God grant that he	
Printer's manuscript analysis	
Title:	The Words of Mormon
Title appositive:	
Chapter designation:	Chapter .d I.
Introductory declaration:	
	<i>Content synopsis</i>
	the record which I have been making
	<i>Contextual statement of chronology</i>
	it is many hundred years after the coming of Christ that I deliver these records into the hands of my Son
	<i>Societal description</i>
	allmost all the destruction of my People the Nephites
	it supposeth me that he will witness the entire destruction of my People
	<i>Verification</i>
	I Mormon
	I have witnessed

¹ Skousen, ed., *The Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon, Part One*, 281 (manuscript page 115).

² Smith, *The Book of Mormon* (1830), 151.